



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2008
Sharp

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor John Rose, Councilmembers Carol Clemett, Steve Eulau, Richard Leider, Aaron Sharp, and Bruce Young.

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Water Department Supervisor Bob Durr, Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster.

GUESTS: Karen Goroski, Suburban Cities Association; Michael Ryan, King County Emergency Management; Julia Morse, WABA; Tom Stowe.

MINUTES: Councilmember Leider moved to approve the April 15, 2008 minutes as amended. Councilmember Sharp seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens presented a revised April warrant list with totals reduced by the amount of voided Warrant No. 7652. Councilmember Clemett moved to approve the revised April 8, 2008 warrant list for warrant numbers 7627 through 7658, including Warrant No. 7652 voided for reversal of the reimbursement, in the amount of \$14,109.85. Councilmember Leider seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Councilmember Eulau moved to approve the May 13, 2008 warrant list for warrant numbers 7659 through 7686 and 7688 (7687 will be approved in June), in the amount of \$46,663.29.

Councilmember Young seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilmember Leider reported that he has completed his review of the 1st Quarter 2008 Treasurer's Reports, including supporting documentation, and has approved them.

CLERK'S REPORT:

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that Mayor Rose is interested in rescheduling the July Council meeting from the 8th to the 15th. Councilmember Clemett commented that she has a conflict for the June Council meeting on June 10th. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Clerk-Treasurer Spens should poll the Mayor and Council about possible dates for the June and July meetings to find a date that works for everyone. Because the Council will be finalizing work on the Tree Ordinance in

June and holding a public hearing on the proposed ordinance prior to taking action on it in July, Mayor Rose and members of the Council feels it is imperative for all members of the Council be present.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the MOU for Centennial Park has been fully executed by both WABA and by Mayor Rose.

WATER REPORT: Nothing to report.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster reported that Beaux Arts has been crime-free for the last two months. He added that he and Town Marshal Walter Scott have been looking into installing security cameras at the three entrances to Beaux Arts and on the two beach roads and found that such a project would cost about \$20,000. He explained that the security company with whom they are conversing has noted that the extensive foliage in Beaux Arts creates challenges for sight lines but the project is doable. He also explained that the project would require the placement of a number of underground wires, which could be accomplished in conjunction with the undergrounding of utility wiring at a significant savings. He then asked if the Council wished to pursue the topic further. It was the consensus of the Council that they would like more information on projected effectiveness, system operation, etc.

WABA REPORT: Julia Morse reported that WABA would like to hang banners throughout Town in celebration of the Centennial. She described the banners and proposed placement on Stop signs and other sign poles throughout Beaux Arts for the summer season. Councilmember Leider suggested that the banners be mounted much high to improve their visibility and to reduce their impact on the visibility of stop signs.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Councilmember Eulau reported that he has received very positive responses from BAV residents willing to help with the "Map Your Neighborhood" program, which will result in an Emergency Response team similar to that for Blockwatch. He stated that he has two recruits from each of the nine neighborhoods in Beaux Arts who are willing to act as trainers and contact captains. He noted that the program really boils down to communication among neighbors, i.e. who needs special help, who has special skills, who is available to help, etc. and that this approach is well suited to Beaux Arts' close-knit community. He added that the first formal meeting of the group will be on May 22nd at 7pm and should last about 1-1/2 hours. He also added that the Mayor and Councilmember will fill specific roles.

STORMWATER SYSTEM: Councilmember Sharp reported that the revised Scope of Work for services to be provided by Thalweg gives an estimated cost of \$2,530 for accomplishing the following tasks:

- an assessment of our current stormwater system,
- an outline of what needs to be upgraded and at what cost, and
- an outline of additional upgrades that may be appropriate.

Discussion ensued about what the results of this work will be and what we are trying to accomplish.

MOTION: Councilmember Leider moved to authorize Councilmember Sharp to develop a contract for the scope of work and price specified in Thalweg's proposal dated May 12, 2008 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract when it is ready. Councilmember Clemett seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

KAREN GOROSKI, SUBURBAN CITIES ASSOCIATION: Mayor Rose introduced Ms. Goroski, who first distributed materials describing the Suburban Cities Association (SCA), its standing committees, its 2007 Annual Report, and related information. She explained that the primary source of funding for SCA is member fees and that small member cities have equal weight in SCA policy decisions with larger member cities. She also described the make up of various SCA committees, which are open to elected officials only except the City Managers group, and strongly encouraged Councilmembers to consider becoming involved in SCA decision making.

Ms. Goroski directed the Council's attention to one Public Issues Committee agenda item regarding how transportation dollars are shared among Washington cities. She explained that currently the lion's share goes to the City of Seattle but the group would like to see more money going to the Suburban Cities for transit improvements.

Ms. Goroski also outlined two primary issues that SCA is discussing: (1) offering memberships to businesses to help offset SCA's operating costs, and (2) amending the SCA bylaws to extend membership to cities in Pierce and Snohomish counties. She added that the second issue is important because many of our regional issues cross county lines.

Ms. Goroski commented that because Beaux Arts is interested in how other cities are approaching the task of developing emergency-response plans, she asked Mike Ryan with the King County Regional Communications and Emergency Coordination Center (RCECC) to attend the meeting and address that issue.

Mr. Ryan stated that he is part of the RCECC's Zone 1, which has boundaries roughly defined by and area from Shoreline to Skykomish to Snoqualmie to Newcastle to Mercer Island. He explained that his primary duty is to help the Emergency Managers within Zone 1 with all aspects of Emergency Management and Response.

Mr. Ryan noted that recent emergencies throughout the area, the nation, and the world have all highlighted the fact that the most effective emergency response is local:

- First responders must assess damage throughout the area before they can render assistance.
- All responders must work to distribute limited resources in the most effective manner possible.

He added that, because of this, personal preparedness is the key to a successful outcome after an emergency. He said that programs such as 3 Days 3 Ways help individual citizens plan and prepare for themselves and their families to survive until responders and resources can provide additional assistance.

Mayor Rose asked if Bellevue Fire Department acts as first responder for Beaux Arts and would perform the rapid damage assessment on our behalf. Mr. Ryan answered that he believed so but a quick review of our contract with Bellevue Fire Department would confirm that. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will review the current contract.

Mayor Rose thanked both Ms. Goroski and Mr. Ryan for attending the meeting.

PROPOSED TREE ORDINANCE: Councilmember Clemett outlined the major changes in this version versus the last draft as follows:

- Section 5 now allows removal of up to 20% of the trees on a lot over 12 months instead of 5 years.
 - Section 6 now clarifies the application process.
 - Section 14 adds a procedure for handling exceptions to the ordinance.
- She then invited comments from the Council.

Councilmember Leider commented that he still feels there should be a mechanism for allowing the removal of landmark trees and that the application process seems bureaucratic. He added that he isn't convinced that mitigation should be left to the Town's discretion, that the various available options should be spelled out in the ordinance, e.g. instead of requiring a one-for-one replacement of trees on one's own property what about allowing someone to plant elsewhere, particularly if their property still has a certain minimum number of trees left on it. He added that some options could be to plant on another resident's property if that owner was willing to take additional trees or to plant on Town rights of way that have been identified as needed replacement trees.

Councilmember Sharp commented that the ordinance as written focuses too much emphasis on preserving our existing large trees and not enough on encouraging the growth of the understory. He noted that once people realize that a tree larger than 12 inches in diameter cannot be cut, they will choose to cut trees before they get that large, leaving a lot of 11-inch stumps and no trees to grow up into the holes created when the existing landmark trees die. He also noted the process makes it very expensive to remove a tree, particularly since the Town Arborist is brought in to review the reports of every Qualified Professional, and he asked what happens if the Arborist doesn't agree with that Qualified Professional.

Councilmember Eulau commented that he would like to see landmark trees treated the same as all others for the purpose of getting a tree-removal permit. Councilmember Clemett commented that the Tree Committee was unanimous about wanting to preserve landmark trees except under unusual circumstances.

After some additional discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to continue this discussion at a meeting in June when all Councilmembers are able to attend. Councilmember Clemett will make additional revisions to the draft ordinance and send it to Clerk-Treasurer Spens for distribution prior to the June Council meeting. In addition, Clerk-Treasurer Spens will poll the Council by email to determine the best date for June

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

TOLLS ON SR-520: Mayor Rose reported that the Points Communities Mayors have been discussing the current plan to pay for improvements to the 520 Bridge through tolls and have asked Beaux Arts to express an opinion on tolling on 520 as well as whether tolls should also be imposed on I-90 so that I-90 doesn't suddenly fill up with drivers seeking to avoid the 520 tolls. He commented that, due to the late hour, he will continue this discussion in June.

CENTENNIAL PARK: Councilmember Clemett will report on the latest plans for Centennial Park in June.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next Council meeting will be decided after Councilmembers have a chance to review their June schedules and will be held at Bruce Young's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Leider moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Councilmember Sharp seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer